

REMARKS

Claims 1-27, 42-43, and 48-66 were pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claims 1-8, 10, 12-15, 17, 20-21, 23-27, 42, 57, 62, and 64 have been amended, claims 51 and 66 have been cancelled without prejudice, and new claims 68-114 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-27, 42-43, 48-50, 52-65, and 68-114 are currently under consideration. Amendment of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Applicants wish to note that claims 1-27, 42-43, and 48-66 as filed correspond to those claims originally withdrawn in the parent application entitled "Percutaneous Bypass Graft And Securing System" in response to a Restriction Requirement and are now filed in the present application. No new matter has been added.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.**"

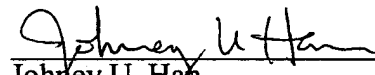
CONCLUSION

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 441742000102. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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